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THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" It is only last week he was appointed and unless the papers go to him and he takes complete charge of the situation the Advisory Council cannot meet and I am sure the papers won't be held up."

SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM :—" ఇప్పుడు శ్రీ భీమారావుగారు వేసిన ప్రశ్నకు ప్రత్యుత్తరమిస్తూ డాక్టర్ రాజన్‌గారు 1942 వ సంవత్సరంలో డిటెన్యూల విడుదల విషయంలో ఏ విధానమైతే అమలులో ఉన్నదో ఆ విధానమే ఇప్పుడుకూడా అమలులో ఉన్నట్లుగా చెప్పియున్నారు. అక్టోబరు మాసములో ఒక డిటెన్యూ విడుదల చేయబడినప్పటికికూడా ఇంతవరకు ప్రభుత్వము వారికి ఈ విషయము తెలియనట్లున్నది. ఇదివరకొకసారి ఇటువంటి విషయమై చర్చ జరిగినప్పుడు ఈ డిటెన్యూ రిలీజు విధానాన్ని మార్చవలసినదిగా మంత్రిగారిని కోరియున్నాము. ఇకముందు అయినను డిటెన్యూ విడుదల విదానము సక్రమముగా సవరింపబడుతుందని ఆశించవచ్చునా ? "

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" As far as I am able to gather from the Telugu statement, Sir, I may say this :

For one thing it is not a supplementary question. It is a matter of expression of opinion which does not deserve any answer. But I may tell him that these questions were asked and put to Government months ago. These answers are relevant to the questions put at that time and is not in relation to what happened subsequently. Evidently the release has taken place."

SRI B. BHIMA RAO :—" Assuming all the Communist members are resigning from that party and joining the Congress Party and pledging their loyalty to Pandit Nehru's Government will the Government consider the desirability of appointing an additional Regional Advisory Committee to take action in the matter. I saw in last night's 'Mail,' that four more members resigned from the Communist Party."

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN.—" In their anxiety to get release the detenus may say anything. But the Government before releasing every time go into the question and the Advisory Council has got to give its opinion. So a reference is made to the Police and the District Magistrate concerned before the Government take any action."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" May I take it that these statements of regret will be placed before the Advisory Council? "

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" Yes, they are all sent to the Advisory Council."

Security deposit by Newspapers.

* 99 *Q.*—SRI S. B. ADITYAN : Will the Hon. the Premier be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether security deposits were demanded from any Newspaper from January to August 1948; and

(*b*) if so, (i) the names of such newspapers, (ii) the amounts demanded as security in each case, and (iii) whether the securities were paid?

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THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN (on behalf of the Premier) :—
" A statement [a] is laid on the table of the House."

High price of paddy in the West Godavari district.

* 100 *Q*.—SRI MOTHEY NARAYANA RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Food be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government are aware of the fact that there has been continued rise (abnormal rise) in the price of the paddy and rice in West Godavari district including Ellore town and the rate at which the paddy and rice are being sold in the market;

(*b*) whether it is a fact that it is impossible to secure paddy or rice in the market at the controlled price or rate; and

(*c*) what action the Government propose to take to check the same?

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" (*a*) There has been some increase in the price. A statement [b] showing the prices of paddy and rice during the week ending 21st August 1948 in the important market centres of West Godavari district including Ellore as compared with those prevailing prior to derationing is placed on the table of the House.

" (*b*) No.

" (*c*) It will be observed from the statement [b] placed on the table of the House, the increase in the price of paddy and rice is not abnormal. However, during the period from 28th June 1948 to 14th July 1948, the Collector of West Godavari has requisitioned 27,309 tons of paddy and 5,235 tons of rice from banks, millers and merchants with a view to discourage any tendency to hoard stocks and put up prices. The Government feel that such judicious requisitioning wherever necessary coupled with the strict enforcement of the notified ceiling prices will help in stabilising prices at a reasonable level."

SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM :—" తూర్పు గోదావరి జిల్లాలో రామచంద్రపురం, కాకినాడా తాలూకాలలో black market ను అరికట్టుటకొరకును ధాన్య సేకరణ Producer-*cum*-Consumer Co-operative Societies కు అప్పగించినారనునది యదార్థమా ?"

K. T. M. AHMED IBRAHIM SAHIB BAHADUR :—" Is there not a ruling that those people who can afford to speak in English should not speak in Telugu? "

DEPUTY PRESIDENT :—" The hon. Member has chosen to speak in Telugu."

K. T. M. AHMED IBRAHIM SAHIB BAHADUR :—" Occasionally he speaks in English."

DEPUTY PRESIDENT :—" He will have to choose and he has chosen to speak in Telugu hereafter."

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" The Producer-*cum*-Consumer Co-operative Societies were carrying on procurement

a Printed as Appendix I on page 373 infra.

b Printed as Appendix II on page 374 infra.